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In short, my dear children, among all the various kinds of dogs, there is not one but what renders himself, in some degree, amiable by his sprightliness and activity, valuable by his indefatigable industry, and sometimes serviceable by his vigilance, and the timely notice he gives his master of some approaching danger in the night, when all the family perhaps are sleeping.

Let me lift you up, my pretty dears, to look over these park pales. See how nobly that stag looks with his branching horns; and how prettily those deers look, but still more prettily those sportive fawns that bound and leap by the side of them. They are, Billy, more active than you.

Now these bucks and does produce that nice venison, with which your papa's table is so often spread. Even their skins are very valuable, and are applied to many very useful purposes. These creatures are not suffered to wander

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der in open fields like cows, sheep, and such like cattle, but are generally kept in parks, or other enclosed places, to prevent their getting away, as well as to preserve them from the hands of poachers. Perhaps, my dears, as you do not know what poachers mean, I will tell you. They are a set of idle men, who are more pleased with stealing and felling game, than they are with getting an honest livelihood by working at the different trades they were brought up to.

Gentlemen are very fond of hunting these fine creatures, and the king and prince of Wales take great delight in this sport. They turn out one of these deers on some open place, then set a pack of dogs after him, and follow him over hedge and ditch; through rivers and brooks, and indeed stop at nothing, till they come up with and kill him. This sport, however, is attended with some danger; for sometimes the horses

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